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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Mountain View – Second Hacker Group Targets SWIFT Users, Symantec Warns

(U) Cyber-security firm Symantec Corp said yesterday that a second hacking group has sought to rob banks using fraudulent SWIFT messages, the same approach that yielded \$81 million in the high-profile February attack on Bangladesh's central bank. Symantec said that a group dubbed Odinaff has infected 10 to 20 Symantec customers with malware that can be used to hide fraudulent transfer requests made over SWIFT, the messaging system that is a lynchpin of the global financial system. Symantec's research provided new insight into ongoing hacking that has previously been disclosed by SWIFT. SWIFT Chief Executive Gottfried Leibbrandt last month told customers about three hacks and warned that cyber attacks on banks are poised to rise.

SOURCE: 11 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Sacramento – Website Shareholders Arrested on Pimping Charges

(U) California authorities say the former owners of the Village Voice in New York City have been arrested days after they were charged with sex trafficking through their control of an online site that advertises escort services. A spokeswoman for Attorney General Kamala Harris says 68-year-old Michael Lacey and 67-year-old James Larkin were booked into Sacramento County Jail yesterday. The controlling shareholders of the Backpage.com site are charged with conspiracy to commit pimping, which is defined as making money from prostitutes or soliciting customers for prostitution. They are to appear in court tomorrow with Backpage chief executive Carl Ferrer, who was arrested last week.

SOURCE: 10 October 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Man Accused of Terrorism Changes Plea to Guilty

(U) Phoenix – A Tucson, Arizona man accused of plotting a terrorist attack on a metro Phoenix motor vehicle office has agreed to a plea agreement. Maricopa County Superior Court officials said yesterday that Mahin Khan pleaded guilty to terrorism, conspiracy to commit terrorism and conspiracy to commit misconduct involving weapons. Kahn was arrested in July, pleaded not guilty and was being held without bond until his trial. Authorities say Khan wanted to attack a motor vehicle office in Mesa and allegedly instructed an undercover FBI employee to start building homemade grenades. They say Khan had online exchanges with a person believed to be a member of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

SOURCE: 7 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Arkansas – Arkansas Investigates Mumps Outbreak with More Than 400 Possible Cases

(U) Little Rock – The Arkansas Department of Health is investigating a mumps outbreak that may have infected hundreds of people. A total of 427 suspected cases of mumps are being investigated in the state, with the majority of them children, the department reported on Friday. More than 30 schools in the state have reported one or more student contracting the mumps virus. The health department is requiring any student with a MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine exemption to stay home for at

least 26 days if they were exposed to the mumps virus. If students get the MMR vaccine, they will be able to return to school immediately.

SOURCE: 10 October 2016, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – German Spy Chief Says Syrian Bomb Suspect Targeted Berlin Airports

(U) Berlin – The head of Germany's intelligence agency said a Syrian suspect arrested yesterday was building a bomb and probably planned to attack one of the airports in Berlin. Hans-Georg Maassen said that intelligence leads had suggested in early September that ISIL was planning an attack on Germany's transport infrastructure. Spies managed to track down and identify the suspect in the eastern state of Saxony last Thursday and started a round-the-clock surveillance. Maassen said that initial intelligence information pointed to an attack on trains in Germany but it later became clear that he planned to strike a Berlin airport.

SOURCE: 10 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Syria – ISIL Confirms Death of Propaganda Chief

(U) Ar-Raqqa – Yesterday, ISIL confirmed the death of its propaganda chief, whom the Pentagon said was killed in a US-led air strike in Syria's Raqqa province last month. A statement posted online by ISIL paid tribute to Wa'il Adil Hasan Salman al-Fayad, also known as Abu Mohammed al-Furqan. The Pentagon said last month that a US-led coalition air strike on 7 September had killed al-Fayad, the minister of information who oversaw ISIL's propaganda, and a prominent member of its Senior Shura Council, or leadership group.

SOURCE: 10 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

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